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Re: Central Reclamation Urban Design Study

Dear Mrs. Carrie Lam and Professor Lee,

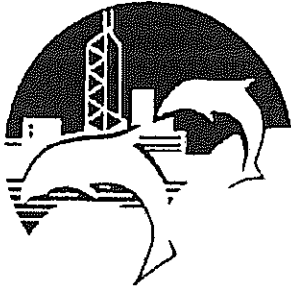
The Planning Department has briefed the Members of the Harbourfront Enhancement Committee's Task Group on the Urban Design Study on March 26 and 31.

With the greatest urgency we express the following concerns over the progress on the captioned study:

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1. The two options prepared for public consultation lack true choice:
 - a. Each has the same development parameters – and only cosmetic changes are apparent, if any;
 - b. There has been no review of the transport services and the design and engineering of the infrastructure required for the planned capacity;
 - c. The scale of the key sites and uses has not been reviewed;
 - d. It is claimed that reinstatement of Queen's Pier in the original location will delay completion of P2 by 4 years. Whether or not technically correct, reinstatement of Queen's Pier could be scheduled such that there is no delay in providing the scheduled vehicular capacity along P2.
2. We have serious concern about the undue haste and bias in the design of stage 2 of the public engagement for the study. However, the advice sought from the Task Group on the public engagement activities was merely cosmetic as this was pre-empted by the booking of venues and consultants and the inability to make relevant and material adjustments.

We seek your intervention at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Ir. Dr. Greg Wong, Chairman, Task Group on the Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront

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